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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in connection with the above
identified U.S. patent application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 4 and 5 and add the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of prior provisional application serial number
60/141,698, filed on June 30, 1999 and provisional application serial number
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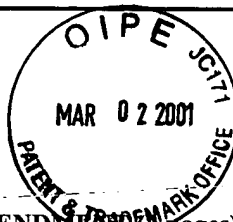
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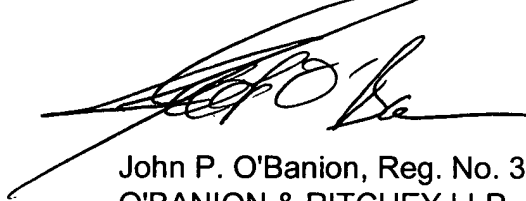
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No. 6,173,604, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/717,321
filed on September 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,821,410.

No new matter has been added, and entry of this First Preliminary Amendment
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Respectfully submitted,



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